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Evans(57) **ABSTRACT**According to the subject invention, dispersible dry powder
pharmaceutical-based compositions are provided, including
methods for their manufacture and dry powder dispersion
devices. A dispersible dry powder pharmaceutical-based
composition is one having a moisture content of less than
about 10% by weight (% w) water, usually below about 5%
w and preferably less than about 3% w; a particle size of
about 1.0–5.0 μ m mass median diameter (MMD), usually
1.0–4.0 μ m MMD, and preferably 1.0–3.0 μ m MMD; a
delivered dose of about >30%, usually >40%, preferably
>50%, and most preferred >60%; and an aerosol particle size
distribution of about 1.0–5.0 μ m mass median aerodynamic
diameter (MMAD), usually 1.5–4.5 μ m MMAD, and pref-
erably 1.5–4.0 μ m MMAD. Such compositions are of phar-
maceutical grade purity.**22 Claims, No Drawings**